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The above amendment and the following remarks are in reply to the non-final Office action of 08/23/2006. In light of this reply, reconsideration and further examination of this application are respectfully requested.

Twenty claims were originally pending in this Application. In the above amendment, two claims (1 and 14) were amended, and none was cancelled or added. Accordingly, 20 claims remain pending for reconsideration and further examination.

In Section 1 of the Office action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 9, 10, 12, 14-17 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Iwamoto et al. (U.S. 5,046,826).

In Section 2, the Examiner rejected claims 3, 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Iwamoto et al. (U.S. 5,046,826) in view of Iwata et al (U.S. 6,111,699).

In Section 3, the Examiner rejected claims 5 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Iwamoto et al. (U.S. 5,046,826) in view of Honda et al. (U.S. 2002/0012085).

In Section 4, claims 6, 13, 18 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Iwamoto et al. (U.S. 5,046,826) in view of Honda et al. (U.S. 2002/0012085) in further view of Iwata et al. (U.S. 6,111,699).

In light of the above amendments to independent claims 1 and 14 and the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the above rejections are now moot.

In particular, independent claims 1 and 14 have been amended to include the limitations:

“a receiving container having ... a plate defining a ledge extending at least partially about an upper periphery thereof ...;” and

“a glass substrate ... having an outer periphery supported on the ledge of the receiving container plate ...;” (Emphasis added.)

Support for this amendment is found in the instant disclosure at, e.g., Figs. 2, 8 and 13, pars. [0045], [0057], [0075] and [0096].

A thorough review of Iwamoto et al. reveals that this primary reference does not teach or even suggest this distinguishing feature, and further, a detailed review of the secondary references Iwata et al. and Honda et al. reveals that they likewise fail to teach or suggest the foregoing limitations of independent claims 1 and 14 above.

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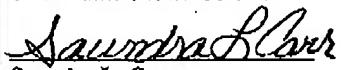
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In light of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 and 14, as well as the claims respectively dependent from them, are allowable over the art of record.

If there are any questions regarding this Reply, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below.

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